



# BMV Court News

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### IN.gov

*Your source for driver record information*

### INCite

*JTAC Application for SR16-filing to BMV*

### myBMV

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## News

### CATS

The BMV can now accept all traffic offenses electronically through the Court Abstract Transmission System (CATS). Please remember that the following actions cannot be processed through CATS:

- OWI offenses where a probationary license has been granted
- Amendments to *existing* BMV records
- Probable cause affidavits
- Traditional court orders

Participation in the CATS program is not mandatory. However, the BMV and JTAC encourage all courts to submit offense information using CATS. Using CATS minimizes data entry errors and delays in processing due to traditional mail delivery. Accuracy, completeness and timeliness is essential in providing a true and accurate driving record as well as complying with state and federal mandates (for example, 10-day conviction reporting). For information on participating in CATS for your court, contact Nathan Moore at [bmvcourts@bm.v.in.gov](mailto:bmvcourts@bm.v.in.gov) or the JTAC Helpdesk at [jtachelpdesk@jtac.in.gov](mailto:jtachelpdesk@jtac.in.gov).

To determine if violation data has been processed by the BMV, you may access the CATS Activity Report through INCite.

### CATS Manual

The newest version of the CATS Manual will be posted in the coming weeks on JTAC's blog at <https://incite.in.gov/>. Be sure to thoroughly review the manual for changes to procedure and file layout. The newest SR16 layout has been changed and must be in use by 6/1/10. Highlights of the changes are as follows:

- Four clearly-defined actions for OWI suspension effective date have been added
  1. "Consecutive to the refusal suspension";
  2. "Consecutive to the refusal termination date";
  3. "Backdate to the start of the pre-conviction non-refusal suspension"; or
  4. "Start on future date(\_\_/\_\_/\_\_)"
- Language has been added regarding a CDL holder's ineligibility for conviction deferrals and probationary license for CDL purposes. CDL holders may still be eligible for probationary license for the non-CDL license.

### Indiana Statute Translations

Our business requires the BMV to link an Indiana statute cited by a court to an internal BMV offense code. We recently updated the list of offenses and the corresponding internal BMV offense codes. The changes will be distributed for implementation into

## myBMV

www.mybmvm.com

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Your myBMV account allows you to access the following services:

- Renew your driver's license online\*
- Renew your vehicle registration(s)
- Order a driver record or certified driver record
- Reserve or re-reserve a personalized plate
- Order duplicate titles
- Review the information in your personal record
- Update your insurance information or mailing address
- Sign up for email reminders for your driver license or registration expiration dates and other news

Accessing the services provided through your myBMV account is fast, secure and easy to use. To create your myBMV account you will be asked to provide your Indiana driver license number and the last four digits of your Social Security number.

The myBMV service is regularly unavailable on Sundays from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. for scheduled maintenance.

*\*certain restrictions apply*

your case management systems or CATS submission system. The CATS Manual has been updated accordingly to accommodate any new offense codes.

## Citation Reporting

### New SR16

The SR16 was revised to minimize the need to return them to courts. The newest version, dated "1/10", includes clear directives regarding OWI suspensions. A copy of the newest SR16 is included for your immediate use for offenses not sent through CATS. This SR16 will be required for CATS transmissions beginning 6/1/10. **Reminder:** In order to properly and accurately report convictions, especially to other states, it is imperative courts include as much information as possible on the SR16 to prevent 'under-reporting' and returns to the court for correction. Please indicate "NA" for fields where information is not available or not provided by law enforcement.

### FTA/FTP

The BMV has changed and clarified the procedures for handling Failure to Appear (FTA) and Failure to Pay (FTP) scenarios. Any changes will take effect 3/18/10.

**FTP** – The BMV will end FTP suspensions based on the "Payment" date submitted by the court. If the "Payment" date is prior to the FTP suspension effective/start date, the FTP suspension will be removed from the driver record. If the "Payment" date is after the FTP suspension effective/start date, the suspension will be closed using the "Payment" date as the expiration/end date of the FTP suspension.

**FTA** – The BMV will end FTA suspensions based on the "Disposition" date submitted by the court. If the "Disposition" date is prior to the FTA suspension effective/start date, the FTA suspension will be removed from the driver record. If the "Disposition" date is after the FTA suspension effective/start date, the FTA suspension will be closed using the "Disposition" date as the expiration/end date of the FTA suspension.

### Local ordinances

Effective 1/13/10, the BMV began linking local ordinances to State statutes based on the written description of the offense. This process assists the BMV in presenting a more accurate record of a customer's driving history. If the local ordinance can be translated to Indiana statute, points, if applicable, must be assessed for the offense. The BMV will continue to translate Indiana statutes to BMV code using the statute cited.

### General Information

Non-motor vehicle convictions that do not result in license suspensions should not be sent to the BMV.

## Prosecutors

### Subpoenas

In an effort to improve efficiency regarding the resources of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the BMV is requesting that, in cases where the BMV is subpoenaed to testify on the state's behalf, a message be left in the dedicated court mailbox at [bmvcourts@bmvm.in.gov](mailto:bmvcourts@bmvm.in.gov), notifying the Bureau if a representative is needed. Much effort

goes into preparing for cases where a representative is subpoenaed, including travelling to a location only to discover the testimony is not needed. We are seeking your assistance so that we may better serve all Hoosiers by minimizing unnecessary preparation and travel.

### **Court diversion programs**

Drivers under the age of 18 who receive a driver's license on or after July 1, 2009 do not qualify for court diversion programs if arrested or charged with an offense under the following:

- a) Possession, consuming or transporting alcohol: IC 7.1-5-7-7(a), if the alleged offense occurred while operating a motor vehicle
- b) Operation of a motor vehicle when financial responsibility revoked: IC 9-30-4-8(a)
- c) Criminal recklessness w/vehicle: IC 35-42-2-2(c)(1)
- d) Obstruction of traffic: IC 35-42-2-4(b)(1) or
- e) Criminal mischief (graffiti): IC 35-43-1-2(a), if the alleged offense occurred while operating a motor vehicle

### **BMV Legal Resource**

A helpful BMV webpage was developed for reference by court personnel, court clerks, attorneys and other legal professionals regarding areas of legal interest to those practitioners. Please visit the webpage at <http://www.in.gov/bmv/5268.htm>.

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## **Online Records**

If you need to know why someone is suspended or if a document has been processed, visit IN.gov (<http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/bmv-license-search/>).

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## **Contacting the BMV**

### **Courts\***

BMV Solution Center court phone line – (317) 233-2567, Option #5

Email – [bmvcourts@bmv.in.gov](mailto:bmvcourts@bmv.in.gov)

\*This number and e-mail address are not to be given to the public.

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